

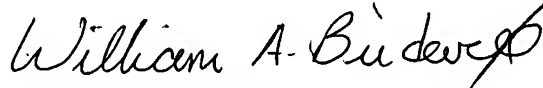
REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, in which a restriction requirement was made, and a Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant elects the claims in Group II, that is, claims 24-32 and 52-60.

New apparatus claims 61-85 are dependent from elected apparatus claim 24, and new method claims 86-106 are dependent from elected method claim 52. Accordingly, new claims 61-106 are consistent with Applicant's election.

Respectfully submitted,

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